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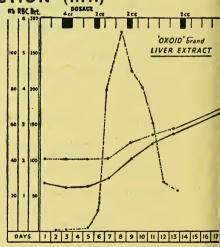
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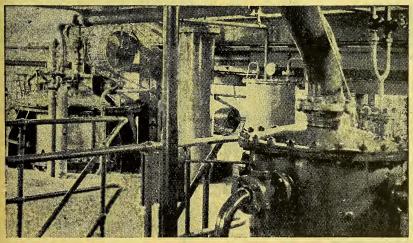
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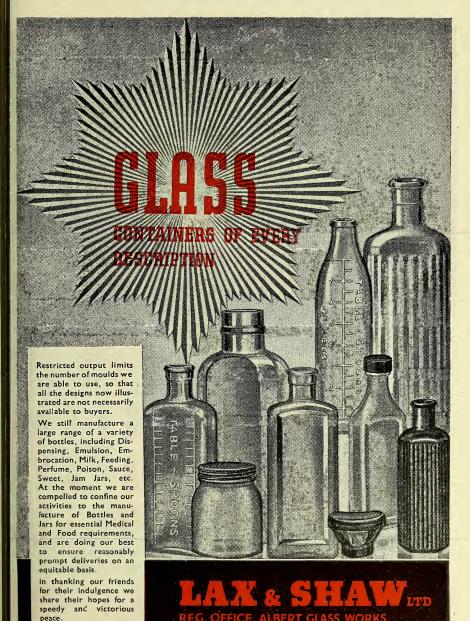
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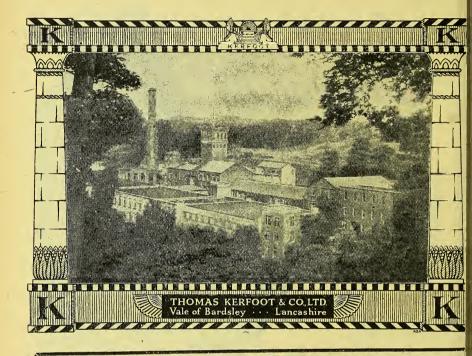
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Revised Purchase Tax Notice.—Notice No. 78c (office machinery, stationery, office equisites, and other paper manufactures), ssued by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, has been revised. Copies of he new notice are being posted to traders egistered for purchase tax; other persons nterested may obtain copies from local officers of Customs and Excise or from the Secretaries Office, Customs and Excise, Ity Gate House, Finsbury Square, London, 2.C.2.

Return of Empty Containers.—The Ministry of War Transport Road Haulage Organisation has made arrangements for effecting the immediate return of empty backages of all descriptions which are urgently required. Unless the vehicle which delivered the goods is needed for more sesential traffic, it will be used for returning such empties, provided that the person offering the full packages to the Unit Controller (for distances in excess of sixty miles) or the Area Road Haulage Officer for short distances) satisfies him that the

empties must be given priority treatment. Where it is not possible to use the same vehicle, Road Haulage Organisation officers will do their best to find alternative vehicles for doing the work. The Road Haulage Organisation can also be asked to provide facilities for the return of empties which, when full, may have been forwarded by rail. The railways will make every endeavour to provide facilities for returned empties which, when full, were carried by them, and will also carry empties where the "fulls" were delivered by road vehicles. Empties carried otherwise than by rail on their full journey are accepted for return by rail as merchandise, and charged at merchandise rates, not at the returned empty rate.

Distribution Study Institute.—An Institute for the Scientific Study of Distribution was inaugurated in London at a meeting held on October 4. It is proposed that the Institute shall be open to individuals engaged or interested in any phase of marketing or distribution, and to delegates of firms, companies, societies or other bodies.

U.S.-British Discussions on Small Business Problems.—The chairman of the United States Smaller War Plants Corporation (Mr. Maury Maverick) is visiting England to discuss problems of small businesses with Government officials and small-business leaders.

Western Pharmacists' Association. The following officers have been elected by the Western (London) Pharmacists' Association and Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society for 1944-45: Chairmah, Mr. Frank Noble; Vice-chairman, Mr. Clifford Evans; Treasurer, Mr. D. T. Jones; General Secretary, Mr. G. F. Butterworth; Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. R. Evans; Social Secretary, Mr. W. T. Pratt.

Outcome of Leeds Deputation.-Consequent upon a deputation by the Leeds Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society to the Health Committee of the Leeds City Council (see C. & D., September 23, p. 321), the following letter has been received by the secretary of the Branch: "Referring to the deputation from the Leeds and District Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain which appeared before the Health Committee on September 20 and made suggestions for the formation of a pharmaceutical service for hospitals and institutions under the control of the Committee, as the deputation were informed by the chairman, the Committee are in sympathy with the points raised, and the question of the appointments of pharmacists at the City hospitals will be considered when the opportunity arises where the need of an institution justifies such appointment."

Scottish Memorandum on Pharmaceutical Service.—The Scottish Joint Committee on Health Service, which is composed of the executives of the North British Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, Pharmaceutical Standing Committee (Scotland), and executive council of the Scottish Pharmaceutical Federation, with the secretaries of the five Scottish branches of the Society, and representatives of employee organisations, has issued a memorandum in which it reviews the present stage reached in the deliberations on a pharmaceutical service under the National Health Service. So far the committee has agreed on the following points: In respect of all prescriptions issued, whether in private, grouped, health-centre, out-patient hospital or clinic practice, there should be free choice of chemist; medicines prescribed at clinics should be in the form of prescriptions to

chemists; pharmacists to have adequate representation on central and local health service committees and other bodies which may be set up. The memorandum outlines the system of control by which a proposed Central Pharmaceutical Board should operate, but postpones consideration of remuneration, adding that remuneration for National Health Insurance dispensing has always been considered inadequate.

Newcastle Joint Meeting.—A lecture on "The Chemotherapy of Bacterial Infections" was given by Mr. D. G. Ardley, M.P.S. (medical department, Pharmaceutical Specialities (May & Baker), Ltd.) to the Newcastle District and Northumberland Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society on September 28. members of the Newcastle-on-Tyne local medical and panel committee being present by invitation. Miss K. Bell (vicechairman of the Branch) presided. Ardley described the discovery of sulphanilamide and dealt with other sulphonamides down to the most recent discoveries. Dr T. H. Bates (secretary of the Panel Committee) proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and added thanks to the Branch for its invitation; seconding, Mr. G. H. M Graham thanked the speaker and also acknowledged the remarks of Dr. Bates.

Manchester News for Forces' Pharmacists -The enterprising Junior Branch of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Association ha published the first issue of a "Bulletin o Local News," which is being circulated t members in the Forces from the Mancheste area. Some twelve months ago members of the executive undertook to correspond with members in the Forces (the customar friendly letter to a colleague). From thi developed the idea of compiling and pub lishing a bulletin. The objects are to kee in touch with members, especially thos serving overseas, to look after their interest whilst they are absent, and to let them hav any items of local pharmaceutical new Prominence is given to a scheme originate by the Junior Branch to help managers an assistants to find suitable posts on the return to civil life. Those who have n position to return to will have every possib help to get settled through a register kep by the secretary. It is intended to publis the bulletin quarterly.

Hull Woman President's Address.—If the September meeting of the Hull Chmists' Association, held on September 2 Miss E. B. Palmer wore the presidentic chain of office for the first time. It was all the first time in Hull, and possibly in the

vhole country, that a daughter has followed n her father's footsteps in becoming resident of such an association. Mrs. E. A. Brocklehurst (vice-chairman) introduced liss Palmer by saying, "We have had only wo women presidents in Hull, the first eleven ears ago, and I feel that Miss Palmer fully leserves the honour we have bestowed upon er." Miss Palmer chose as the subject of er address "Women in Pharmacy." elt confident that women could be relied pon to uphold the dignity and respect of he profession. Moving a vote of thanks, Mr. H. Brown said that, in his opinion, the dvent of women in pharmacy had been or the good of the profession. He paid ribute to Mr. E. H. Earle, who had trained o many pharmacists in Hull. The vote of hanks was seconded by Mr. B. Foster.

Liverpool Employees.—The Liverpool Branch of the Association of Pharmaceutical Employees held a meeting recently, at which Mr. Summers presided and the speaker was Mr. John Phillips (organising secretary). Mr. Phillips dealt with wages and conditions and with the Joint Industrial Council for Retail Pharmacy. He said that the A.P.E. differed from its contemporaries and predecessors "by virtue

of its sincerity, stability, and, above all, aims," and warned his hearers not to become enmeshed in a web of side issues. Questions were asked on sex equality, trade boards, and members returning from the Forces. New members were enrolled.

Middlesbrough N.P.U. Branch.—Mr. W. A. Thompson presided at a well-attended meeting of the Middlesbrough Branch of the National Pharmaceutical Union on October 3, when the agenda of the N.P.U. Conference was discussed. Concern was voiced at the entry of trade unionism into the profession. The forty-eight-hour week was agreed to, with overtime rates for employees except managers. A scale of wages for the area was drawn up. No decision was reached on a scale of payments under the proposed National Health Service, the feeling of the meeting being that it was premature to set out any scale of fees. The matter was left to the discretion of conference delegates. There was strong opposition against cooperating with financial interests in negotiations affecting pharmacy. Mr. A. Harrison appealed to all proprietor pharmacists to become members of the N.P.U., and the chairman thanked members for the interest taken.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Reinstatement of Women.—Asked on October 3 if the obligation imposed on imployers to reinstate in employment men call up for service applied also to women, the Minister of Labour (Mr. Bevin) replied in the affirmative.

DDT as Fly-spray.—Viscount Castlereagh asked the Minister of Production on September 26 if, in view of the large increase in the number of flies and other germcarrying insects and the danger of a corresponding increase in disease, he would make available to the public the disinfectant dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane. Lyttelton: The total production of DDT available to the United Nations is at present required for military use and it is not possible to release any for general civilian A small quantity has, however, recently been allocated to the Ministry of Health for use in air-raid shelters. Raw materials for effective fly sprays have been available to manufacturers during 1944.

Supply of Penicillin.—In reply to questions on October 4 on the mass production of penicillin, the Minister of Supply (Sir Andrew Duncan) said seven plants, six of which were pilot plants, were at present

producing penicillin in this country. Nine large-scale plants were expected to come into operation at various dates within the next six months. Two of them were about to start production. The Ministry was in close touch with organisations in America and Canada, and had the active assistance of one of the American firms in one of the plants that was being erected.

Control of Fraudulent Drugs in Nigeria. -The Secretary of State for the Colonies was asked on October 4 whether any further action had been taken, in consultation with the Governor of Nigeria, respecting the control and advertisement of questionable or fraudulent drugs. Colonel Stanley replied that the Government of Nigeria was considering whether legislation should be introduced to control undesirable advertisements of the type in question. Meanwhile, the Government was carrying out propaganda to educate the public in regard to the dangers of fraudulent drugs. Asked if juju charms and medicines would be included in the drugs on which action was proposed to be taken, Colonel Stanley replied: Yes, if they come under the description of either 'questionable' or "fraudulent."

LEGAL REPORTS

Alleged Profits Tax Fraud.—At the Central Criminal Court, London, on September 20, five brothers associated with Levers Optical Co., Ltd., Hatton Garden, London, E.C., pleaded not guilty to conspiring to defraud the Inland Revenue, by means of alleged false accounts, of sums of money due in respect of excess profits tax. It was stated that, as a result of the alleged offence, the Revenue stood to lose £15,000. The hearing was adjourned.

Edinburgh Sheriff's First D.D. Case .--"I am glad to say that in this court we very seldom have a charge of this nature. This is the first of the kind that has come before me," said the sheriff at Edinburgh sheriff court on September 27, when he imposed fines totalling £30 upon John Blyth, 51 East Trinity Road, Edinburgh, for three contraventions of the Dangerous Drugs and poisons regulations. complaint, which was described as "rather formidable," included charges of failing to keep certain dangerous drugs in lockfast receptacles; failing to keep a true record of poisons, etc., purchased and disposed of; and failing to produce to the police, after inspection, 411 tablets and seventeen firstaid outfits, containing a total of 306 morphine sulphate tablets, gr. 1/2. The police found that there was no means of ascertaining whether drugs had been disposed of. Blyth, who said he was over eighty years of age, handed a statement to the sheriff, who remarked: "You say you have been fifty-seven years in business as a chemist; you should realise the importance of keeping absolutely accurate records."

Formula Not Disclosed.—A fine of £10, with £3 3s. costs, was imposed at Coventry on September 28 upon King & Hudson, Ltd., wholesalers, 2 Stoney Road, who admitted having sold to an inspector of the Pharmaceutical Society, on June 17, "malaria specific" tablets, without stating upon the container the appropriate designation of the substance. Prosecution stated that the inspector came across a leaflet, enclosed in a container, which described the tablets as a preventive and also as a cure for malaria. The inspector sent for four boxes, for which he paid 22s. 4d. Each box bore the words "glandular extract," but did not specify the glands from which it was compounded. The public analyst for Westminster reported that the tablets contained 314 per cent. of water, 59 per cent. of protein, and 8.75 per cent. ash.

It was consistent with having been prepared from a mixture of meat extract, gland powder, and powdered bone, with ferruginous earth filling. It constituted a contravention of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941 (Section 2). The leaflet specified that the purchase tax was 7d. per box. For the defence, it was stated that the tablets were manufactured for defendants by qualified chemists, and were not intended for sale in this country, but solely for export trade. Owing to shortage of staff the letter got into the hands of an employee, who dispatched the tablets without consulting anyone else, otherwise the reply would have been that they could not be supplied.

Chemist Fined on Cocaine Charges .-Fines totalling £50, with £21 costs, were imposed at Hythe, Southampton, recently, on Maurice Alterman, M.P.S., Green Roofs, Dibden Purlieu, on six summonses alleging that he was in unlawful possession of cocaine on June 7; unlawfully supplied cocaine on the same date to Georgine Matthews; failed to enter into the register particulars of a purchase of 4 oz. liquid concentrated opium on June 6; was in unlawful possession of cocaine on June 11; unlawfully supplied cocaine to Mrs. Matthews on that date; and acted unlawfully preparatory to the commission of an offence under the Dangerous Drugs Regulations on July 6. Formal pleas of not guilty were entered to all the summonses except that of failing to enter particulars in the register. Prosecuting solicitor said that it came to the knowledge of the Southampton police that defendant, who managed the pharmacy of Youngman, Ltd., Hythe, had supplied Mrs. Matthews with cocaine. At first he denied the allegation, which he later admitted, saying, "I have been weak, but I promise you it will never occur again." He made a statement in which he said he was introduced to Mrs. Matthews in Southampton; she begged him to give her some cocaine, and he let her have a few grains. Mrs. Matthews gave evidence that one day she went to defendant's shop at Hythe and spoke about cocaine. "I was curious to know what it was like and asked him to let me try it. He took a small bottle from a locked cupboard and gave me a tiny spot to taste." A police sergeant gave details of previous convictions against the defendant, who was given one month in which to pay the amount of the fines and costs.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

nnual Meeting Discussed

Your report of and comment on the ecial general meeting of the Pharmaeutical Society held a few days ago (pp. 76, 379) will no doubt be read with due ttention by members of the Society. Whether a referendum on the proposed hange of procedure for the annual meeting rould bring a correspondingly large maprity in favour of the change I have no neans of ascertaining; but I should like o call attention to an aspect of the matter ossibly overlooked or regarded as negligible y the speakers at the meeting on Sepember 28. What effect would the change, adopted, have on the balance of interests epresented? One factor in arriving at an nswer is railway time-tables; for we may ssume that many pharmacists in all parts f the country would be glad to attend he Society's annual meeting if attendance ould be rendered easier for them. Without burdening this paragraph with superfluous gures—and railway time-tables are, maniestly, subject to numerous changes in the lear future—we may for our present purose divide the country into three parts, he London area, surrounding areas up to ailway distances of about 120 miles, and reas beyond. A transfer of the main business of the meeting from noon to vening would, we may conclude, largely ncrease the attendance from the London irea, and would leave members from the listant areas virtually unaffected. n the second of the three areas would find heir position completely changed; instead of being able to make the double journey n one day they would have to remain a night in town. This aspect will, I trust, e taken into account when the subject is further considered.

Polypharmacy Justified

The panegyric on paregoric abstracted (p. 380) from the "British Medical Journal" goes to show that in this case the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. The indings of the two pharmacologists who contributed the monograph are not devoid of humorous suggestion. As "old paregoric, brown with some years of storage, was found best," some of us may live to see this tincture stored in sherry casks "for at least two years," and certified accordingly. Again, the observation that a part in the expectorant effect is played "especially" by the alcohol suggests a joke that some comedian or cartoonist is likely to

elaborate. Though not a pharmacologist, I venture to distinguish between the action of the benzoic acid and that of the oil of anise, both of which substances are regarded by the authors as useless. In view of the tendency of the latter to cause nausea in some patients, it might well be omitted; but as the former is still the active ingredient of a throat lozenge, I see no reason why it should not be retained.

A Popular Medicine

Wootton's statement that the formula was devised, with the name "elixir asthmaticum," by Le Mort, Professor of Chemistry at Léyden University from 1702 to 1718, apparently rests on the authority of Quincy in his "Compleat English Dispensatory" (first edition, 1718). Quincy lavished praise upon this elixir, claiming that "it is not by a great deal so much attended to as it deserves; for there is not any Composition of our Shops to be compared to it in the intention it is ordered (sic). . . . " The fact that his Dispensatory ran to fourteen editions in about fifty years helped, probably, to sustain the popularity of this preparation and others resembling it. A modification of the original formula appeared in the Pharmacopæia Londinensis of 1721; in the 1746 P.L. the title was changed to "elixir paregoricum," and a few ingredients, among which was potassium carbonate, were dropped. (Potassium carbonate, by the way, occurs with remarkable frequency in formulas of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.) In 1788 the title became "tinctura opii camphorata," and in 1809 "tinctura camphorae composita." The etymology of the word "paregoric" is given in many dictionaries: they agree as to its Greek origin and its association with the agora, the place of public assemblies, of elections, of trials, of business. The choice of the year 1684 as the date of earliest reference in our language by the compilers of the Oxford English Dictionary may not mean that they were unaware of a reference in a book published in 1669, as that great authority does not acknowledge technical words as such. The book I refer to is William Rowland's translation of Schroeder's "Pharmacopæia Medico-Chymico," and the actual word used is "Paregorick-Anodyne." As a matter of fact, Culpeper got near to the word in 1651 with "paregorica," a plural form reminiscent of Greek and Arabian medicine.

COMPANY NEWS

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WILLSONS (CHEMISTS GOLDTHORPE), LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £700. Objects: To acquire the business of a chemist and druggist carried on at Goldthorpe by Olive M. E. Hollingworth. Reginald Edwards, M.P.S., and Mrs. Christina Edwards, Retford, Notts, directors. R.O.: 71-73 Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe, nr. Rotherham.

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BUSINESS CHANGES

MESSRS. DOUGLAS ALEXANDER RAMSAY Moncur, M.P.S., and Hamish Grant GLASS, M.P.S., have acquired the pharmaceutical business of the late Mr. Charles Stewart, 128 Comiston Road, Edinburgh. The business will be carried on under the style Moncur & Glass.

Business Licence Applications.—Mr. Albert Mason, M.P.S., to carry on business as a chemist and chiropodist at 99 Beach Road, Cleveleys, Lancs.—Elsie May Levesley, to carry on the retail business of chiropody and massage and the sale of remedies, appliances, and requisites at 347 Stanley Road, Liverpool.

TRADE MARKS

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," September 27)

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"Plus One" (directions, etc., on packet an words "Brushless shaving cream," "A Cot product") (3). By Coty (Feederd).

product") (3). By Coty (England), Ltd 3 Stratford Place, London, W.r. 627,436. "Whistle" (device of boy with arms out stretched and the word "Whistle" printe across, the letter "S" in same forming the body—exclusive use of letter "S" discovered (2). By Whistle Products. Ltd claimed) (3). By Whistle Products, Ltd 12 Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.

629,100 (Associated).
"High Life"; for perfumery, toilet preparations, and dentifrices (3). By R. Desvau & Co., I Shorrolds Road, Walham Greer

London, S.W.6. 629,583. "VALKEM"; for veterinary and sanitary preparations, foods, medicated wines, medica and surgical plasters, weed killers, etc. (5) and surgical plasters, weed killers, etc. (5) surgical, medical, veterinary, and denta instruments and apparatus (10); india rubber, etc., and articles made therefror (17). By Unichem, Ltd., 219 Upper Tootin Road, London, S.W.17. 625,780 and -8 (Both Associated), 625,785.

"Howling Wolf"; for veterinary remedie (5). By F. Haller, 43 Church Street, Coniborough, nr. Doncaster. B627,496.

"Keysol"; for disinfectant fluid (5). B Wimsol, Ltd., Grace Street, Keighley, York 627,774 (Associated).

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"COMPEX"; for catamenial appliances, an sanitary underclothing (5). By L. W. (

Edwards, 7c Lower Belgrave Street, Victoria London, S.W.I. 628,260.

"Nonolax" (words, "A Heap of Health wit Each Meal"); for laxative preparations (5, By E. R. Wrangham, 47 Old Chester Road Syndoyland, 620 are, Sunderland: 628,313.

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"Fetsal"; for pharmaceutical preparation for treatment of corns (5). By Geetab Ltd., 140 Park Lane, London, W.I. 629,246 (ELDROC"; for medicinal herbs (5). By A. E. Reed & Co., Ltd., 105 Battersea Hig Street, London, S.W.II. 629,299.

"Tritung"; for all goods (5). By Trinit Laboratories, Ltd., Brook House, Old Mi Street, Blackburn. 629,633.

TRADE NOTES

Agencies in Ireland.—Lyons & Lyons, corporation Market, Dublin, state that they are able to take on Eire and all-Ireland agencies.

Perfumery Raw Materials.—Soap and cosmetic manufacturers are invited to get n touch with Carvansons, Ltd., Monton Lane Works, Eccles, Lancs.

New Price List.—Wilcox, Jozeau & Co., Ltd., 74-77 White Lion Street, London, N.I., have issued a new price list, and will send a copy to any chemist on receipt of request accompanied by a penny stamp.

Vitamin D Content Increased.—The amount of vitamin D in Ostermilk has been ncreased by the makers, Glaxo Laboratories Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex, to 700 international units in each reconstituted pint.

New Specialities.—Gedeon Richter (Great Britain), Ltd., London, announce the introduction of Merphyllin brand of mersalyl n boxes of six and twelve 1-c.c. and 2-c.c. ampoules, and of Exocain surface anæsthetic solution, suppositories and ointment.

Temporarily Withdrawn.—Moore Medicinal Products, Ltd., Aberdeen, express regret to chemists that Moneeda fruit cubes have had to be withdrawn temporarily from the market because one ingredient, Smyrna figs, is no longer available in this country.

Error in Advertisement.—Damancy & Co., Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, point out that in an advertisement in the September 16 issue of The Chemist and Druggist, the amount of strychnine hydrochloride given in the formula for Dellipsoids should have been gr. 1/280, and not as there stated.

National Pharmaceutical Employees' Union.—The rules and constitution of the National Pharmaceutical Employees' Union have been issued as a 24-page booklet, obtainable from 21 Charterhouse Street, London, E.C.1, price one shilling. objects of the Union are set out as being to protect the rights, interests and privileges of its members and to improve working conditions; to promote good relations between employers and employed and to regulate by negotiation with State Departments, employers and their organisations in matters affecting conditions of employment, rates of remuneration, hours, holidays and all other matters arising from service contracts of members employed in any branch of pharmacy.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association.— Ramble to Buxton, Goyt Valley and Kettle-shulme. Meet Central Station, 8.30 a.m. Book Buxton return. Inquiries to W. Edwards, Old Trafford.

Tuesday, October 17

BIRKENHEAD AND WIRRAL PHARMACISTS' Association, Grange Road Methodist schoolroom, at 7.15 p.m. Meeting.

PHARMACEUTICAL CORPS, Hospital for Women, Soho Square, London, W.I., at 7.30 p.m. Lecture and demonstration on "Surgical Instruments." (First of a series.)

NORTH METROPOLITAN BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Beale's Restaurant, Holloway Road, London, N.7, at 7.30 p.m. Discussion on pharmaceutical service under N.H.S.

WEST HAM AND EASTERN DISTRICT OF PHARMACISTS AND BRANCH, Church Institute, 27 Romford Road, Stratford, London, E.15, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. J. C. Young, Ph.C. (chairman, publications committee, Council of the Pharmaceutical Society), on "Pharmaceutical Books, or Tools of Our Trade," with exhibits.

Wednesday, October 18

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT, MANCHESTER UNI-VERSITY, at 3 p.m. Speech day and presentation of prizes.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Wynne's tea-room, opposite Central Station, Tunbridge Wells, at 2.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

FEDERATION OF SURGICAL INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURERS, YORK ROOM, Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.2. At 12 noon, luncheon. At 2 p.m., meeting.

LONDON SECTION, BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTS, Wigmore Hall, London, W.I, at 6.30 p.m. Discussion on "Safeguarding of Key Industries," opened by Mr. Norman Sheldon, F.R.I.C. (chairman, British Chemical Ware Association).

Thursday, October 19

NORTH STAFFS BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL Society, Grand Hotel, Hanley, at 3 p.m. Tenminute talks by members.

GLASGOW AND SOUTH-WESTERN SCOTTISH BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Highlanders' Institute, 27 Elmbank Street, Glasgow, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. A. A. Meldrum (a member of Council) on "The More Intimate Aspects of Pharmaceutical Politics."

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS.—Advertisers and subscribers are reminded that owing to war conditions the Head Office of The Chemist and Druggist, 28 Essex Street, London, W.C.2, is closed on Saturdays until further notice. Urgent instructions relating to advertising and subscriptions should be sent to the C. & D., 17 Argyle Street, Bath, Somerset.

MARRIAGES

GLASS — MAGEE. — At St. Comgall's Church, Bangor, on September 28, Thomas M. Glass, M.P.S.N.I., Brackagh House, Maghera, co. Derry, to Anne Magee, Bangor.

HEATHERINGTON—TUBMAN.—At Sydenham Methodist Church, Belfast, on September 20, William J. Heatherington, M.P.S.N.I., the Medical Hall, Hillsborough, co. Down, to Edith E. M. Tubman, Sydenham, Belfast.

DEATHS

COOPER.—At Upton-on-Severn, on September 27, Mr. H. Talbot Cooper, M.P.S., F.I.O., High Street, Upton-on-Severn, Worcs, aged forty-five.

LIPKIN.—Recently, Dr. Reuben Lipkin, Queen's Drive, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. Dr. Lipkin qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1920, and went on to qualify in medicine through the professional schools of the University of Liverpool. Recently he and his brothers established a prize in the medical faculty of the University in memory of their mother. Dr. Lipkin was a former W.M. of the Memorial Lodge of Freemasons.

OESTERREICHER.—On September 24, Mr. A. P. Oesterreicher, managing director of Astrin Bros., Ltd., New Broad Street House, London, E.C.2, aged fifty-six.

TURNER.—On September 27, after an illness of only two days, Mr. W. Turner, Bristol, a representative for twenty years of James Smith & Co. (London), Ltd.

PERSONALITIES

MR. HARRY BERRY, B.Sc., Dip.Bact., Ph.C., F.R.I.C., who has been appointed



Professor of Pharmaceutics . in the University of London (see p. 400), is Dean of the College of the Pharmaceutical Society. He was educated at the Nantwich and Acton Grammar School, and served his apprenticeship with a Nantwich chemist, Mr. W. C. Grice. During the war of 1914-18

Professor Berry served in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and in 1919 he became lecturer in pharmacy at Robert Gordon's

Colleges, Aberdeen. Later he took up a similar post at the Central Technical College, Birmingham, where he reorganised the college of pharmacy and acted as its head until 1934. From 1929-31 he was president of the Birmingham Pharmaceutical Association, and in 1934 he was appointed reader in pharmaceutics in the University of London. He was appointed Dean of the Society's school upon the retirement of Professor Burn in 1937. Professor Berry is a member of the board of studies in pharmacy of the University of London. He has been an examiner in pharmacy for the Universities of London, Glasgow, Manchester and Wales, as well as for the Pharmaceutical Society. 1939-43 he acted as pharmaceutical adviser to the Welsh Board of Health, and as an expert inspector for the Board of Education. He is a member of the pharmaceutical subcommittee of the British Pharmacopæia Commission, of the Codex Revision Committee, and of the editorial committee of the "Quarterly Journal of Pharmacy."

SIR WILLIAM JOWITT has been appointed Minister (designate) of Social Insurance.

Mr. WILFRED HERBERT LINNELL, Ph.D., Ph.C., the newly appointed Professor of

Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the University of London (see p. 400), has been director of the chemical research laboratory of the Pharmaceutical Society since 1926, and is a member of the boards of studies in chemistry and pharmacy of the University. He was born at Sandbach, Cheshire, in



1895, and educated at Stockport Grammar School, the University of Durham, and Lincoln College, Oxford. He served with the Royal Engineers' Special Brigade in From the Armstrong France, 1916-19. University, he was Durham College, awarded the Earl Grey Memorial Fellowship, and graduated Doctor of Philosophy in 1924. He was a research chemist at H.M. Fuel Research Station, 1924-26 Since 1927 Dr. Linnell has been an examiner to the Pharmaceutical Society; he is a member of the Revision Committee of British Pharmaceutical Codex and of the British Pharmacopæia Commission.

NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL UNION

harmaceutical Union and Chemists' Deence Association were held in London on eptember 26 and 27. Reports of the counts, Staff and Organisation, Business ervices, and Central N.H.I. Committees ere received and approved. The secreary's report upon matters that had arisen ince the previous meeting of the Executive ras also received.

conferences

It was resolved that the Conferences of a) Pharmaceutical Committees and (b) J.P.U. Branch Representatives, which were to have been held in May but had to be postponed at the request of the Government, should be held at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.2, on October 25 and 26 respectively.

Information was received of plans to old in London, on November 23, a econd conference of the Council of Retail distributors. Messrs. Brocklehurst and Hearle, together with either Mr. Noble or Mr. Kemp, were elected as delegates to this

onference:

feeding-bottle Teats

THE SECRETARY reported upon repreentations that had been made to the Board of Trade and the manufacturers in an indeavour to obtain more adequate supplies of feeding-bottle teats. The Board of Trade and indicated that teats produced from the extra allocations of materials made in August were now reaching the market, and that it was expected that full potential production would be on the market by early October.

War Funds

THE SECRETARY reported that ninetyfour claims had been made upon the Airraid Mutual Assistance Fund since the lying-bomb attacks on Southern England developed. Ninety-one had been completed, and in the other three cases re-establishment of the businesses concerned was expected at an early date. It was expected that the total cost of settlement would amount to approximately £2,600. Since the previous meeting of the Executive a War Distress Fund grant had been discontinued, as it no longer came within the fund's objects. A further case had arisen, and the beneficiary was receiving a weekly maintenance grant. Subscriptions received at the time of the meeting totalled £30,317.

Matters connected with N.P.U. organisation, both local and national, were considered, especially in relation to existing branch organisation and the callfing of conferences. Certain changes that had been suggested by the Staff and Organisation Committee were discussed, and it was resolved that the proposals should in due course be submitted to N.P.U. branches for their consideration. The Local Organisation Officer was authorised to arrange a series of district meetings during the season 1944–45, and if possible to provide one such meeting in each of the sixteen electoral areas. The formation of a Loughborough and District Branch was approved.

Medical Benefit Regulations

Information from the Ministry of Health was reported to the effect that regulations connected with the medical benefit regulations were to be issued in the near future, and that an opportunity would be taken to include an amendment dealing with the dispensing of prescriptions from Insurance Committee areas other than those with which a chemist was under contract.

Chemist's Defence Association

Settlements of an outstanding claim involved a payment of £33 arising out of the crushing of a customer's finger when a shop door slammed. Another claim, involving damage to articles of clothing, resulted from the use of perfume prepared by a member from materials that had a staining and solvent effect on textiles. A reminder was given to members that many materials at present supplied and used for perfumes have a deleterious effect on clothing, and that customers should be warned not to put the perfumes on to dress materials, etc. Fifteen other claims were left in the secretary's hands for negotiation. During the period reviewed, legal defence facilities were provided for two members, one of whom had been sued for the cost of advertising provided under a contract made by his branch manager. The member alleged that the manager (since deceased) had no authority to enter into the contract and that he himself had no knowledge of it, and the claim was withdrawn when arrangements had been made for the transfer of the hearing from London to the County Court in the member's area. The other case arose out of a sale of hairpins at a price in excess of the prescribed maximum; fines totalling f5 and costs had been imposed.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

The postponed meeting of Branch Representatives, which was discussed at a meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society on October 4, was dealt with in last week's issue (p. 377). Other matters that came up at the meeting are reported below.

Tuesday's Session

A letter received from the Sheffield Branch conveying resolutions concerning the proposed national health service was referred to the Joint Committee. It was agreed to express appreciation to the Leicester and Leicestershire Branch for a report on a questionnaire issued by the Branch on a national health service, and to press for early consideration by the Home Office of a letter from the Society urging removal of sulphonamide dressings from Schedule IV to the Poisons Rules. An amendment to the by-laws providing for an increase in fees was read a third time, and instructions were given that the amended by-laws should be submitted to the Privy Council for approval. A resolution passed by a special general meeting held on September 28 (see C. & D., October 7, p. 376) was reported and referred to the Organisation Committee. The National Health Service position was reviewed, and it was agreed to submit to the Joint Committee a proposal concerning the procedure to be followed regarding other organisations interested in a national pharmaceutical service.

Wednesday's Proceedings

The President referred to the death of Sir Humphry Rolleston (an honorary member of the Society and a former member of Council), and the Council passed the following resolution: "That the Council record with deep regret the death of Sir Humphry Rolleston, an honorary member of the Society, and recall with grateful appreciation his services to the Society as a member of Council from 1934 to 1938 and his readiness at all times to give the Society the benefit of his knowledge and experience." Reference was also made to the death of Professor R. Eder, Zurich, well known for his work on pharmaceutical chemistry and in the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

THE REGISTRAR reported that since the last meeting 138 persons had been registered as "Apprentice or Student"; the names of eighty-eight persons had been restored to the register of pharmacists; and the addresses of twenty sets of premises

had been restored to the register of premises. Mr. William Robert Grant and Mr. Harry Daniel Price (both attached to Canadian General Hospitals in this country, and both formerly of Ontario), having submitted the required evidence, were registered as chemists and druggists under the reciprocity agreement. The Council authorised the sealing of diplomas awarded to thirty-five pharmaceutical chemists.

A letter was received from the New Zealand Pharmaceutical Society expressing appreciation of the Council's recent gift of books for a pharmaceutical library in New Zealand, and explaining that the original intention of creating a College Library had been changed, and that a library for the Society would now be established. The Secretary reported that it had not been found possible to arrange for any Chinese students to travel to this country in time to commence the 1944–45 session, so that the scholarships would not be taken up until a year hence.

Education Committee

Mr. G. R. KNOX MAWER presented the minutes of the Education Committee, which were agreed to. They included recommendations to agree to a degree at Leeds University of Bachelor of Science, with pharmacy and pharmacology as the principal subjects, and to accept the Birmingham Branch's proposal to award the Thomas Chase prize 1944, jointly to Margaret Bowdler and Kenneth Crowther. The Council decided that the syllabus for refresher courses for ex-service pharmacists should be adopted and circulated to the schools of pharmacy. THE CHAIRMAN explained that a meeting of representatives from schools had been called together under the chairmanship of the president to discuss the question. The meeting had also had before it the syllabus circulated on the instruction of the Education Committee. It was agreed that provision should be made so that refresher courses could be available to ex-service pharmacists, if required; the courses should be full-time, occupying four weeks in general, an endeavour should be made to arrange the courses during term-time; all recognised schools should be asked to provide courses; the standard fee of fio ros, should be charged by all schools offering courses; if applications were to be received centrally, each applicant should be given the opportunity to express a preference for the school at which he would

attend. The opportunity was taken to express Council's wish that the biology and physiology syllabuses should be dealt with an broad elementary lines, and that nemory-burdening detail should be avoided.

Other Committees

The minutes of the Benevolent Fund Committee were moved by Mrs. Irvine, and approved. Mr. A. R. Melhuish, and approved. Mr. A. R. Melhuish, moving the minutes of the Establishment Committee, reported a further requisitioning of the Society's premises in Brunswick Square. The St. Pancras Borough Council and the War Office had now taken over further portions of the building. The report on the Council Prizes Competition, 1944, recommending the award of the Society's nedal in bronze to B. C. T. Snow, Cullompton, was approved. The Council authorised the return to London of the Society's herarium so soon as the Natural History Museum authorities considered this safe.

MR. MELHUISH also moved the minutes of the Joint School Committee. The comnittee was glad to learn from the Açademic Board that, during the coming session, an vening refresher course of ten to twelve ectures would be given upon recent developments in pharmacy, but noted that t was not possible to provide facilities for practical work. It was decided that the Dean would set a limit to the number of pharmacists attending, and there would be fee of f1 is. The Dean had found it possible to arrange a further part-time vening course of instruction for the liploma in biochemical analysis, to comnence in April next. The committee expressed the view that a priority claim with regard to the completion of the new building should now be made, and that the support of the University of London in the matter should be sought. Professor Berry and Linnell were congratulated upon he conferment upon them of professorships n pharmaceutics and pharmaceutical chemitry respectively. The Dean reported that Miss J. B. Carlisle, Miss D. M. James and Mr. G. F. Somers had resigned their appointments as demonstrators from August 30, and the following had been appointed o fill the vacancies: Miss M. Cornelius, 3.Pharm., Ph.C., Mr. L. G. Sharp, B.Sc., Ph.C., and Miss B. Roper, Ph.C. Acting pon the authority given to him at the last neeting of Council, the president had, on he recommendation of the research scholarhips subcommittee, awarded research cholarships as follows: Allen & Hanburys Research Fellowship, George Frederick

Somers; Ransom Fellowship, Isaac Michaels; Rammell Studentship, Jack Illingworth.

The report of the Law Committee, pre-

sented by Sir Malcolm Delevingne, showed that the premises of 1,021 authorised sellers, 119 listed sellers and 686 drug stores and similar traders had been visited by the Society's inspectors and agents during the months August and September. Sixteen cases of alleged infringements had been considered and appropriate action taken. The Committee's report referred to the undesirability of the situation arising when two preparations were marketed under the same name, one being a preparation which was a Part I poison and the other non-poisonous. A number of cases came before the Committee in which Rodine had been sold contrary to the provisions of the Pharmacy Acts, and in which the retailers concerned pleaded ignorance of the fact that two preparations of the same name but of different character were being distributed.

SOFT PARAFFIN AND WATER

The usual soft paraffin of American origin is a mixture of higher members (sixteen to thirty-two carbon atoms) of the paraffin series with a small percentage of unsaturated hydrocarbons. The latter are usually of lower melting-point than the paraffins and give the soft paraffin its oleaginous characteristics. Russian soft paraffin differs in containing a large proportion of naphthenes. Soft paraffin is used almost exclusively as a neutral dressing in place of the true fats, over which it has the advantage that it does not readily become rancid, but also the disadvantage that it does not easily penetrate the skin. When it is desired that a medicament should be absorbed, it is The difficulty of necessary to add water. mixing in water, in dispersed droplets to form a quasi-emulsion, is well known to pharmacists. The most effective way is to melt the paraffin, stir the water in gradually, and keep on stirring till the paraffin has gelatinised, but even with the most careful technique it is difficult to obtain a diffusion of much more than 10 per cent. To obtain a stable product with larger amounts of water, the addition of small amounts of wool-fat or cholesterol is necessary. addition of two parts of wool fat to ninetyeight of soft paraffin renders it possible to add at least 60 per cent. of water, whilst 4 per cent. of cholesterol makes it easy to add well over 200 per cent. of water. Dissolved salts reduce the amounts taken up.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland was held in Belfast on October 2, the president (Mr. J. T. Nicholl) in the chair, and Mr. D. L. Kirkpatrick (secretary) in attendance. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed. The president congratulated the four retiring members (Messrs. J. E. Connor, J.P., J. Glendinning, H. F. Moore, and J. McDowell) on being returned unopposed. Messrs. Connor and McDowell returned thanks for their election, and Mr. Moore voiced the thanks of Mr. Glendinning and himself.

President's Address

The President said it was with regret that he opened his remarks on a sad note by referring to the deaths of two of their members, Mr. John Deery, Newtownstewart, co. Tyrone, and Mr. Denis Rankin, a young man of high promise who had given his life for King and country as a volunteer in the Royal Air Force. To their relatives members extended their sincere sympathy.

Eleven meetings of Council had been held during the year. Four meetings of the Education Committee; two of the Housing Committee; one of the Law Committee, and eleven of the Finance Committee, had all been well attended and had received the careful attention of the members present.

Examinations and Membership

Sixty-four candidates had entered for the Preliminary Scientific examination (Part 1), an increase of five over the previous year, and of these twenty-six had passed, fifteen were referred, twenty-one failed and two were absent. In the Final Qualifying examination (Part II) there were fifty-four entries, the same number as last year; of these twenty-seven passed, fifteen were referred, ten failed, and two were absent.

Names on the register on December 31, 1943, totalled: Pharmaceutical Chemists, 1,070 (an increase of twenty over the previous year); Superintendents of Bodies Corporate carrying on business as Pharmaceutical Chemists, eighty-four (an increase of two); Chemists and Druggists, five (a decrease of one); Registered Druggists, 118 (a decrease of one); Superintendents of Bodies Corporate carrying on business as Registered Druggists, four (an

increase of one); Certified Assistants, five; Apprentices, 650 (an increase of thirty-seven). Licences issued in respect of the year numbered: Pharmaceutical Chemists, 486 (an increase of eleven); Registered Druggists, thirty-one (same as previous year).

Poisons Licences

The number of licences for agricultural and horticultural poisons issued by local authorities was 155, against 103 in the previous year, although the Council had objected in many instances. The pharmaceutical inspector was careful to see that licensees confined their sales to poisons they were authorised to sell, and was continuously on the look out for persons making illegal sales of poisons either from their shops or in markets or fairs. In the course of the inspector's duties he had noticed that preparations containing organic compounds of mercury were being sold by many persons as seed dressings. No conditions as to sale and storage could be enforced, and he reported the facts to the Ministry. Resolutions were passed by the Medical Faculty of the Queen's University of Belfast and the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland which had resulted in the substances being classified as Part II Schedule IV, poisons. Subsequently provision was made to enable persons to sel these substances under licence from the local authority. The pharmaceutical in spector also made visits of inspection to all holders of licences as Pharmaceutica Chemists or Registered Druggists. Poison and Dangerous Drugs records were exam ined and particular attention was given to enforcing the sale of poisons under qualified supervision only. The inspector had drawn the attention of the Ministry to the in creased sales of benzedrine, and to the fact that these sales were viewed with concern by many chemists in the province As a result of resolutions passed by th Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland and the Medical Faculty of the Queen' University of Belfast, benzedrine had bee classified as a Part I, Schedule IV, poisor The ambiguity as to whether ephedrine i a poison within the meaning of the Ac had been cleared up as a result of resolution passed by the Medical Faculty of th Queen's University of Belfast and th Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland and ephedrine had been classified as Part I, Schedule IV, poison, and prepara

ions containing less than 5 per cent. of phedrine as Part II, Schedule IV, poisons. HE PRESIDENT said that one pharmacutical chemist carrying on business as nch had had his authorisation under the Dangerous Drugs Acts removed by order f the Minister in 1937. During the year nler review the Minister had made an rder suspending the operation of that vithdrawal notice.

Members would note from the accounts, hich would be dealt with by the treasurer, hat the Society had had a very successful ear financially, with an excess of income

ver expenditure of £238.

ost-graduate Lectures

For some time past there had been a emand from members for post-graduate ctures, and he was happy to say that, ollowing visits by himself and the secreary, the Municipal College of Technology ad agreed to hold a short course in the resent academic year, details of which ould be made available to members at an arly date. This, he hoped, was only a rerunner of further courses which would e run for the benefit of pharmacists.

rojected Legislation

In the report for 1942, reference had een made to certain proposals submitted y the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern eland, the Ulster Chemists' Association, nd the Chemists' and Druggists' Society Ireland, for legislation on the lines of the harmacy and Medicines Act, 1941, toether with proposed amendments to xisting legislation. It had been announced the King's Speech that a Pharmacy Bill ould be introduced in the present Parlianent, and it seemed probable that the ecessary legislation might be introduced the autumn session.

THE PRESIDENT concluded that it would e ungracious not to express thanks for he great courtesy he had received at all mes from his fellow members of Council, nd for the help that had been so readily iven to him by the secretary (Mr. D. L. (irkpatrick) and the office staff, all of hom had made his year of office a very

leasant one.

Mr. Fred Storey congratulated the resident on his able address which, he id, was comprehensive and to the point. le regretted the small attendance, and aid chemists should turn out and support re president. Mr. Storey drew attention the increased number of horticultural and agricultural licences that had been issued. He felt the forthcoming Pharmacy Bill would prove satisfactory legislation. Mr. Connor also congratulated the president on his address and laid stress on confining to chemists the sales of all drugs.

Financial Statement

Mr. J. McDowell (treasurer) submitted the financial statement, which showed the Society's finances to be in a flourishing condition. There was an increase of income over expenditure of f_{23} 8. Adoption of the accounts was moved by the treasurer, seconded by Mr. F. Storey, and passed. Mr. Storey congratulated the treasurer on a successful year.

Apprenticeship

Mr. James McClenahan spoke of the number of apprentices whose names were still on the Register, though unqualified, and suggested that a student who was not qualified within ten years should have his name erased from the Register.

Mr. J. McIlhagga expressed pleasure that post-graduate classes were being formed, and asked for details-The Presi-DENT replied that classes would commence

early in the New Year.
Mr. R. A. E. Simmons inquired what was being done to provide scholarships for apprentices.—The President said that the Government had been asked to make provision for that in the new Bill.

Discussions took place on why the annual meeting could not be held on any day other than a Monday, Wednesday afternoon being suggested as the most suitable time.-THE PRESIDENT replied that, on the passing of the new Bill, a wider choice of date could perhaps be arranged.

Mr. Tate proposed, and Mr. Storey seconded, a vote of thanks to the president for his work during his term of office. This was passed with acclamation, and

Mr. Nicholl suitably replied.

There'll Always be Prescriptions.—"'Positive health,' eh? . . . The maintenance of good health appears to be a precarious feat of balancing, only to a very limited extent under the control of either patient or doctor. Clearly a man may make himself ill by riotous living, but the most blameless and temperate way of life is no guarantee of reasonable, much less of positive, health. These prophylactologists of the future are going to have a job which I for one do not envy them. 'Tell me, doctor, how can I avoid getting colds, diabetes, Bright's disease, osteo-arthritis and disseminated sclerosis?'"—A writer in the "Lancet."

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The fact that goods made of raw materials n short supply owing to war conditions are dvertised in this paper or described in its ditorial columns should not be taken as an ndication that they are necessarily available or export.

Dispensary Hazards

In explosion which occurred recently in he dispensary of a hospital (see C. & D., eptember 16, p. 293) while a consignment f goods was being unpacked, has directed ttention to the need for strict care in the andling of dangerous and inflammable quids, and the Ministry of Health has ssued a warning letter on the subject. It vill be recalled that a container of methylted ether was knocked over and broken. nd, as a result of the explosion, a woman ispenser received fatal injuries and a olleague was seriously hurt. Although he cause of the explosion is not known, the Iome Office Inspector of Explosives conidered that the evidence pointed to a park from the thermostatic device of an lectric steriliser igniting the vapour of the nethylated ether.

Pharmacists, whether in hospital, retail, r wholesale practice, are by training and xperience cognisant of the properties of uch highly-volatile liquids. They take care o observe precautions, in some cases tipulated by county councils or other uthorities, as to the methods and place of npacking such liquids, their storage and se, but unqualified dispensers, whose raining in some instances lasts but a few

months and who as a class do not have to shoulder the responsibility of being in charge of a dispensing department, may have little accurate knowledge of the properties of inflammable liquids, and may not fully appreciate the need for observing certain precautions as a matter of routine.

Markings on crates by wholesale houses to indicate that the contents are inflammable are usually made only when the whole of the delivery is of inflammable materials, and not when they form only part of the consignment. In the smaller hospitals or institutions, with their comparatively small deliveries, therefore, there is especial call for care during unpacking. Even among pharmacists, constant handling may sometimes lead to carelessness, and pharmacists may be guilty, if not constantly alive to the possibilities, of unpacking inflammable materials in a room, say, where there is electrical apparatus in use, or where the leads of the electric lighting are not in conduit fittings. It is also important that only minimum quantities for current use should be kept in the dispensary, and care should obviously be taken to extinguish a naked flame or switch off electrical apparatus before dispensing them.

The Control of Pharmaceuticals in India

THE Pharmaceutical Export Group, representing export interests of the pharmaceutical manufacturers of Great Britain, has drawn up a series of recommendations and suggestions relating to the Draft Rules, 1944, under the Drugs Act (India), 1940. A committee of the Group examined the Draft Rules and selected Messrs. E. R. C. Edyvean, C. Evan Pilgrim and W. J. Williams to prepare detailed recommendations and suggestions. The subcommittee was assisted in its work by the deputy secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Mr. F. W. Adams). recommendations have been set out in a fourteen-page memorandum. It is strongly urged by the Group that the Drugs Act [India], 1940, and Draft Rules, 1944, made under the Act, shall take effect in their entirety, and simultaneously throughout the whole of British India.

Among detailed suggestions are that labelling should be defined, and should include etching, sand-blasting, printing, painting, or other similar marking made directly on the container, and that the Director should be empowered to obtain information regarding composition otherwise than by analysis of the final product. Many preparations, it is pointed out, are not susceptible of full analysis, and power should therefore be given to obtain from the applicant or otherwise further evidence of composition. A time limit is recommended within which the licensing authority should make its decision known to the importer, and a period of two months from date of importation is suggested for this purpose. On the expiry of this period, and provided that no Orders have been passed to the contrary, the importer should be free to distribute the goods in question.

Wholesale Dealing

The Group's definition of wholesale dealing is simple and clear-cut. It reads:-"Sale by way of wholesale dealing means (a) sale to a purchaser who buys for the purpose of selling again or for use by an industrial or commercial undertaking, and (b) sale to a medical, dental or veterinary practitioner, hospital, dispensary, nursinghome or technical institution." The second half of this definition contrasts favourably with the elaborate provisions for the sale of First Schedule poisons to medical practitioners, dentists and veterinary surgeons in Great Britain. Up to 1923 sales of poisons to these professional classes were, by the custom of the trade, regarded as wholesale transactions. This custom was swept away, so far as sales of poisons in Schedule A, Part I of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were concerned, by Section 3 of the Dangerous Drugs and Poisons (Amendment) Act, 1923, which required medical practitioners, dentists and veterinary surgeons, when purchasing such poisons, to sign the seller's poisons book or alternatively to send a written order, either in advance or within twentyfour hours of the sale, and required the seller to make an entry in the prescribed form. An explanatory memorandum issued by Sir John Anderson in connexion with the passing of the Act stated that the obligation of purchasers of Part I poisons to sign the poisons book "had been very much neglected in the case of sales to doctors," and that the new procedure had been laid down after consultation between the Home Office, the British Medical Association and the Pharmaceutical Society. Rule 7 (3) of the Poisons Rules, 1935, based on Sections 18 (2) (b) and 20 (3) of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1933, substantially repeated this provision, with an extension of the classes of persons to whom Schedule I poisons may be sold, and a restriction of use by them to purposes of "trade, business or profession."

The Group congratulates the Government of India on compiling a comprehensive Code of Rules, records its complete sympathy with the aims of the proposed legislation, and puts forward its recommendations as being "the appropriate organisation to formulate recommendations and suggestions relating to the Draft Rules, 1944, on behalf of the pharmaceutical industry of this country."

Speeding the Empties

It is satisfactory to note (p. 391) that special arrangements have now been made for a speedier return of all empty containers that are urgently required. From time to time in these columns we have called attention to the package shortage in the chemical industry, stressing the point that users can hardly expect manufacturers to hurry deliveries if they themselves fail to return containers within a reasonable time Several other factors, however, have also operated to create the container shortage Manufacture of carboys; drums and othe packages has been restricted during the war, and carriers have sometimes failed to appreciate the urgency of the "returned empty" traffic. Under the new arrange ments the difficulty is likely to be largely solved, and so soon as the necessary ray materials are available there is little doub that attention will be given to a supply o new packages which, after all, are equally a essential as the goods they contain. In th meantime the trade can only do its utmos to ensure that every available packag remains in service by giving close attention to the quick "turn-round" of empties.

CHEMISTS' FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

MEETING of the council of the Chemists' riends Association was held in London on eptember 19, Mr. F. J. Smith in the chair. final draft of the new constitution and les was received, and its submission to be Registrar of Friendly Societies, for the urpose of registering the C.F. Association s a trade union, was approved. It was solved that the new constitution and les, as drafted, should become effective n January 1, 1945.

An application from Bleasdale, Ltd., lanufacturing and wholesale chemists, ork, for manufacturer membership of the C.F.A., and for the inclusion of the hole range of their proprietary pharmaturical products in the C.F. list, was proved. The council also accepted the bllowing applications for additions to the hedules of existing C.F. agreements:—

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tandards and Approved Wholesalers

The council considered the draft rules at had been prepared by the C.F. Stanards Committee for the guidance of manucturers in submitting applications to clude products in the C.F. list, and it as resolved that the rules should be ferred back for further revision.

Four applications from wholesalers for ne inclusion of their names in the list of proved distributors by wholesale were onsidered. Three were rejected and one as referred back to enable additional formation to be obtained by the secretary.

ropaganda and Price Regulation

The report of a meeting of the C.F. ropaganda Committee held on September was received and approved. The secrety was instructed to communicate with I.N.P.U. branch secretaries drawing their tention to the efforts of the Newcastle ranch to obtain 100 per cent. co-operation of the C.F. movement by chemists in the yneside area. The council was of opinion at other branches might be prepared to ganise similar campaigns, and it was solved to send a letter of thanks to Mr.

H. M. Graham for his endeavours in ewcastle.

THE SECRETARY reported upon an interew which he and Mr. Mallinson had had ith the secretary of the Central Price egulation Committee on July 14, when matters connected with price-control legislation had been discussed. At this interview it had been explained by Mr. Mallinson that the C.F. council accepted the principle of price control as administered by the Central Committee. An undertaking was given that the attention of new members of the C.F.A. should be drawn to the necessity of seeing that their prices did not contravene the Prices of Goods Act.

C.F. Manufacturers

The secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to hold the annual meeting and luncheon to C.F. manufacturers during the last week in November, as in previous years.

The council considered fifty-one applications for maintenance of supply of C.F. products to businesses temporarily converted into drug-stores owing to war-time conditions; forty-eight were accepted and three refused. One application from a drug-store proprietor for permission to obtain supplies of C.F. products for resale by retail was not granted.

C. & D. DISPENSING PRICE LIST

Changes in prices for the month do not affect the drug index figure to any appreciable extent. It remains at the September level of 134.9, the corresponding figure for the same month in 1943 being 134.4.

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M.O.H. BULLETIN TO PHARMACISTS

The following abstracts are taken from the fourth Ministry of Health Bulletin to Pharmacists, issued by arrangement with the Pharmaceutical Society:—

New Low Records in Mortality

The vital statistics of England and Wales during the war have been cheering items of news. The records in 1942 were low, and 1943 would probably have been better, had it not been for the epidemic of influenza in its last quarter. In spite of this setback, 1943 established new low records for infant mortality; for death rate at ages 1 to 10, and at 10 to 15 the rate was the same as the previous low record of 1939. Apart from the substantial reductions in the mortality of infants and children, many diseases showed mortalities (all ages) not only extraordinarily low for a fourth year of war, but even the lowest ever recorded.

The number of deaths in 1943 was the lowest on record since 1930 or longer for each of the following diseases (for both sexes where not otherwise shown): typhoid fever, anthrax, diphtheria, erysipelas, tuberculosis, all forms (in females only), septicæmia, syphilitic sequelæ, syphilis (except congenital), acute poliomyelitis, hydatid disease, exophthalmic goitre, other diseases of the thyroid, diseases of the thymus, diseases of the adrenals, rickets, alcoholism, epilepsy, convulsions (under 5 years), gangrene, appendicitis (in males only), cirrhosis of liver (in males only), biliary calculi and other gall bladder diseases, nephritis, urinary calculi, diseases of bladder and urethra other than prostate, infection during childbirth, hæmorrhages and toxæmias of pregnancy and childbirth, diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissues, diseases of bones, joints and muscles. For diabetes the number of deaths was the lowest since 1932.

The remainder of the article is a condensation from the Monthly Bulletin of the Ministry of Health and the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service for August 1944.

Rickets

Rickets, that deficiency disease so long prevalent in this country, particularly in the large industrial towns, has been the cause of much deformity, including pelvic abnormalities resulting in difficult midwifery. There are definite signs and symptoms of rickets, but the signs are

the more important, and one attaches little significance to such symptoms as head sweating, restlessness and irritability. Contrary to former teaching it is now believed that rickets develops before the child is eighteen months old and that early signs may be present even before the infant is born. Fortunately the incidence of rickets has been steadily declining for a number of years. Indeed, severe rickets in this country has been almost eradicated. This improvement has been attributed to better social conditions and to better feeding and education, but with the advent of war, which brought in its train difficulties and restrictions, it was feared that some increase in this deficiency disease might have occurred. In order to estimate the position the Ministry of Health has recently sponsored an investigation into rickets incidence.

During this investigation over 5,000 children between the ages of three and eighteen months were examined in twentythree different areas. Comparison with the results of previous investigations, where these had been taken in pre-war years, showed that there was no evidence of any war-time increase in rickets. At the same time, although no severe types of the disease were found there was evidence that rickets in a mild form still exists in the country, and especially in the industrial towns of the North. Another interesting result was that a higher number of children who had received cod-liver oil or another vitamin D preparation were free from rickets than were those who had received no such preparation. The Ministry of Food, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health have arranged a national scheme by which vitamins A, D and C are available in adequate dosage of international units for expectant mothers and children.

Constipation Remedies

It was early impressed on us in our student days that constipation was the commonest disorder in Britain. It may be said to be a popular disorder since people generally seek a remedy for it, which is no always the case with many other minorand major—troubles. The physician i relatively seldom consulted and the persor prescribes for himself or asks the pharmacist's advice. Here is a useful opportunity for health education which is particularly apposite, since many popular emedies are in short supply. The aperien group includes, amongst others, sulphu

liquid paraffin, liquorice and castor oil. Castor oil and liquid paraffin come from abroad and their use now should not be recommended. Liquid paraffin has a use after certain surgical operations, but it is undesirable to take it regularly. Apart from interfering with the energy-producing substances absorbed from foodstuffs, there is another important aspect. The body cannot synthesise vitamin A and derives all its supply from foods either as the vitamin itself or in the form of carotene. Even a small dose of liquid paraffin will absorb the carotene contained in a normal diet, and so prevent it from being taken into the system. Further, the oil speeds up the flow of contents along the intestine, and thus it follows that digestion is not so complete.

The use of constipation remedies as a daily routine should be avoided, for if any of the mild aperients are used regularly they become habit-forming. Sulphur is excellent for occasional use and it is cheap and readily available. Compound liquorice powder is one of the safest and mildest aperients and can be taken by young and old. Its dose can be regulated and it produces no objectionable side effects. Great benefit is usually derived from a good preparation of dried yeast or yeast extract.

Anthraquinone Group

The anthraquinone group consists of preparations made from rhubarb, which is in very short supply, senna, aloes, cascara sagrada and derivatives of anthraquinone, which are made synthetically. These drugs appear in many forms, they are frequently prescribed, and are contained in many well-known preparations such as confection of senna. They owe their therapeutic activity to the presence of anthra-quinone; in addition they contain several other active principles which are related to each other. These substances and the various preparations made from them are available, but it should be borne in mind that the bulk of raw materials have to be shipped. In this group of drugs the synthetic substance phenolphthalein may be included. This acts in a somewhat similar manner to the anthraquinone series, namely, by stimulating the large intestine. In addition, some action is exerted on the small bowel, but phenolphthalein has one unique quality, it "goes round and round." By this is meant that when it reaches the large intestine part of it is re-absorbed and carried back by the blood stream to the liver and passed again into the gut via the

bile. Thus, one reasonable dose of the material acts for several days, its action becoming milder and milder as more is excreted.

Hydragocathartics have a more powerful action than any of the purgatives discussed above. Colocynth, podophyllin, jalap and scammony resin make up the series. It should be remembered that like many of the anthracene purgatives, they come from various war zones overseas. The chief saline purgatives are Glauber's and Epsom salts. Rochelle salt and sodium phosphate are milder in action. It is reasonable to include oxide and carbonate of magnesia, which, though insoluble, form soluble salts in the stomach and intestine. These substances are amongst the safest for the treatment of constipation.

Positive Health

The focus of medical thought is shifting. Preoccupation with pathology is gradually giving way before an increasing attention to preventive medicine. This alteration of interest is also appearing outside the medical profession, for laymen are realising it is better to foster health than to cure disease: The significance of positive health is best understood by first examining the meaning of the word "health," though this is not quite so simple as it appears. In so far as it is possible to measure enough aspects of any individual's physical (or mental) state, it is possible to assign him a place on the health-disease line with reasonable accuracy; for example, 90 per cent. or 60 per cent. healthy or 75 per cent. diseased according to the end from which the assessment is made. This is precisely what is done when a Service medical board grades a recruit or an insurance doctor assesses a candidate for a life policy.

Individuals blessed with positive health will get more out of life than the ordinary man, who in his turn is better situated than one handicapped by continual chronic disease or disability. With all its trials and tribulations, with all the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," life is spléndid and should be lived splendidly and with zest. But to reach that stage we need the best equipment, superior bodies and minds. If one thinks that this superiority is worth some expenditure of effort-and most people would agree that it is—then can we do anything to achieve positive health? Fortunately, the answer is, yes. How it can be done is the function of the health propangandists, and that means all who work in the cause of health.

THE SAGA OF STRATHPEFFER

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V.—Politics

TRATHPEFFER, like so many of us, is filled with a potential piety that seldom sees the light of day, except for periodical Sunday airings. Yet, in all humility, he invariably starts the day with a heart full of gratitude for being spared to carry on. Like so many others, too, Strathpeffer has but a feeble political consciousness, though firmly rooted in the fundamental prejudice that an Englishman is, by divine right, freely entitled to do what he likes without interference from the populace or the "rabble."

Uneasy of Mind

Not that Strathpeffer is easy either of heart or mind. Pharmacy has, he feels, been for so long the sport of the moneychangers, charlatans of no mean status,



Abjectly humbled in the dispensation... to earn a livelihood in his vocation.

they can bedeck themselves in ermine, that, like Carlyle's character Herr Diogenes Teufelsdrockh of Weissnichtwo, Strathpeffer is the "miserablest man in the whole Suburbs.' More than once he

has felt abjectly

humbled

parasites who have so prospered that

dispensation extended to him by a special Providence, seated in the House of Lords, to earn a livelihood in his vocation. Today, however, as so many times before, Strathpeffer resolves once again that he must "do something about it." Carlyle, he remembers, makes Teufelsdrockh sit up and take notice. "What art thou afraid of? Wherefore, like a coward, dost thou for ever pip and whimper, and go cowering and trembling? Despicable biped! Let it come then: I will defy it!" But, beyond the vague and popular idea that "the old gang" are responsible for his economic insecurity, Strathpeffer has for long exhibited that attitude of masterly inactivity which, he

A Letter from the Local Branch

of "No. 17."

We find him this morning, then, looking through his correspondence, which includes,

so frequently says, pervades the counsels

we observe, a notification from the secretary of his local branch of a meeting to be held next week. If he acts as usual, Strathpeffer will give no further thought to the matter. We have ourselves received such

communications and decided it is a waste of time to go. Strathpeffer notes, however, that the speaker at meeting is to be Mr. Ditherer (a member of the Pharmaceutical Society's Council), and that he has Strathpeffer has for lo chosen for his sub-exhibited that attitude ject the time-worn



masterly inactivity.

Future of Pharmacy." Strathpeffer resolves not to pander to what passes for popular taste, but that he will be unmercifully iconoclastic. With Thackeray he resolves to proclaim: "I can't help telling the truth as I view it, and describing what I see. To describe it otherwise than it seems to me would be falsehood in that calling in which it has pleased Heaven to place me." It is in that zealous spirit that Strathpeffer resolves, in buoyant hopefulness, that Mr. Ditherer shall be told where he can go with his platitudes. With the "hurried frankness" of Scott's verse, he will muster his company of critics and smite "the old gang" hip and thigh. Now glowing with moral ardour and beset with virtuous sentiments, he surveys the roads by which pharmacy has strayed into the wilderness. Concerned, as are we all, for the much tormented fraternity of which he has the honour of being an Ordinary Member, Strathpeffer becomes uplifted with an exhilaration of anger.

Strathpeffer Resolves

As a consequence, Strathpeffer resolves unlike 90 per cent. of the branch members that he will go to the meeting, and no longer view the battle and the skirmishes from outside the arena of endeavour. As for Ditherer, he is only

A man so various that he seemed to be Not one, but all mankind's epitome. Stiff in his opinions, always in the wrong, Was everything by starts, and nothing long But in the course of one revolving moon Was chymist, fiddler, statesman, and buffoon

And so he will be told. We share with Strathpeffer his good resolve, with, how

ever, the qualification that what is wrong with pharmacy is not the "old gang," whoever they may be, but its own apahetic electorate, comatose with smug selfsatisfaction. We congratulate Strathpeffer



n that zealous spirit Strathpeffer resolves that Mr. Ditherer shall be told where he can go.

on going so far towards realising that any democracy becomes decadent if its members choose to remain inarticulate and passive. We may or may not agree with what Mr. Ditherer is going to say, but it is our elementary duty and privilege as members of a craft democracy to

ttend the forum—"bawling what it likes, breaking what it likes."

A Meeting Assembles

The days pass, and we are witnesses at a new scene. The meeting to decide what, if any, future there is for pharmacy is gatherng. The branch secretary has circularised the four-hundred-odd members, stressing the importance of members deciding what art they are prepared to play in the brave new world-to-be, and what minimum recompense they will accept for their professional co-operation. We know to our cost hat, in return for securing compulsory nembership a few years ago, the Society forthwith ceased to have an exclusive inerest in its members. What quid pro quo an the Society make in return for supervising so greatly extended a pharmaceutical service? Will it accept the privilege of disensing in a national health service on the basis that any remuneration for a monopoly s recompense enough? On these issues a coherent and emphatic decision is necessary, inless Strathpeffer's "old gang" are to be eft to the privacy of their senatorial deiberations, to get the "best terms and con-litions possible." The history of pharmaceutical politics is strewn with policies "too ittle and too late." Of the four-hundred-odd members of the branch, only about wenty think the occasion of sufficient importance to attend, and we are astonished, ay pained, to see that Strathpeffer is not of the twenty. What has happened? Alas!

Resolution Weakens

At about seven o'clock, as Strathpeffer s thinking of going to that meeting, resolved that

Several factions from this first ferment
Work up to foam and threat the government

Work up to foam and threat the government it comes to him that he is, like Hooker, "unwilling to behold anything that duty bindeth it to reprove." Shall we, who suffer the same malady, sit in judgment on him? As we overhear his "What's the use?" shall we condemn his pusillanimity? We are ourselves of no sterner stuff! As Strathpeffer continues his armchair lamentations, and

as he despairs of any Daniel coming to judgment, shall we join with him in rebuking "the old gang" No! Let us leave Ditherer to his platitudes. We the record," Ditherer thinks the retail pharmacist an unintelligent, stupid, half-educated and semi-



Of the 400-odd members of the branch, only about twenty think the occasion of sufficient importance to attend

trained automaton. His contempt for pharmacy is apparent in his dealings with Government departments, yet—strangest of all paradoxes—he remains tenaciously a pharmacist, and, let us remind ourselves, a prominent and esteemed member of our Society. Why? Somewhere there must be an answer to this riddle.

Back to Routine Gargling.—The following is taken from the "Miscellany" column of the "Manchester Guardian": "The hope of finding, in patulin, a cheap and certain cure for the common cold has failed decisively, and we are thrown back once more on the traditional methods, the most favoured of which is undoubtedly gargling. Sergeant majors in particular will not be sorry, for the mass administration of patulin might have meant learning a new parade drill, while that for gargling is cut and dried, so to speak. In 1931, during the influenza epidemic, antiseptic parades were regularly held, at which the men gargled by numbers. On the word "one," the man seized his glass smartly with the right hand, keeping the left at the side with the thumb in line with the seam of the trousers. On the word "two," he raised his glass to his lips, taking in the desired quantity of the gargle. On the word "three," he threw back his head, breathed out gently, and gargled.... How old soldiers must have sighed for the good old days."

COMMERCIAL NOTES

Soviet Chemical Industry Expansion.—Since the war, thirteen new Soviet chemical undertakings have been set up in the East, and fifteen old plants enlarged. The Voskressensk Chemical Combine is stated to have achieved a 43 per cent. increase in production during 1943, while the Orekhovo-Zuevo plant reached nearly its pre-war production level, despite the use of part of its equipment to organise a new plastics plant in the East. The chemical industry as a whole is stated to have achieved an 8·2 per cent. reduction in production costs in 1943, instead of 4·5 per cent. as planned.

United States to Import Spanish Olive Oil.—The United States has arranged with the Spanish Government for the importation of 3,000 tons of olive oil. The oil may be purchased through regular trade channels by private interests. Olive oil is among several oils recently returned to private trade by the War Food Administration, and no permit is necessary for importations. The basic ceiling price for imported pure pressed edible olive oil in drums, duties and taxes paid, f.o.b. port of entry United States, ranges from 4.91½ to 4.44½ dollars per gallon, according to quality.

World Sugar Situation .- The United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, in a report entitled "The World Sugar Situation," states that sugar supplies available to the United Nations during the current year are slightly larger than they were during 1943, but are likely to be smaller in 1945, because of prospects of a smaller crop in Cuba and reduced stocks in both producing and consuming areas. The production of sugar among the United and neutral nations during the marketing season ended about September 1, 1944, appears to be approximately 20,800,000 short tons, not including the equivalent of 900,000 short tons used for the production of invert molasses. This is about 800,000 short tons, or 8.9 per cent., more than the production from the same areas for the previous season. It is also about 1,300,000 short tons more than the average pre-war (1935-39) quantity produced in these areas, excluding invert molasses. This does not mean that the quantity of sugar available for consumption in the United Nations will be larger than in pre-war years. Prior to the war the United States, Great Britain and India each imported considerable quantities of sugar from areas now occupied by enemy forces. The most important sources of these

imports were the Philippine Islands and Java, although Great Britain imported some sugar from the continent of Europe. The increase in supplies for the current season has been entirely in cane sugar. The 1943-44 crop in Cuba, estimated at 5,650,000 tons, including the amount used for the manufacture of invert molasses, is 2,410,000 tons larger than that produced from the 1942-43 crop. The crop in the rest of the West Indies is about a quarter of a million tons smaller than last year. A slight decrease also occurred in Hawaii and Mexico. The cane crop in continental United States in 1943-44, although small in relation to the production of other areas, amounted to 498,000 short tons. This is 8 per cent. more than the crop of the previous year and the largest since 1939. The 1943 crop in Australia was 19 per cent. smaller than that of 1942, and 35 per cent. below the unusually large crop of 1940.

Pharmaceutical Imports into Peru.—A decree issued by the Peruvian Government on August 8 amplifies previous regulations requiring the registration of certain galenical and chemical products. Under the new regulations factories and laboratories which make chemical products or galenical preparations for human and veterinary medicinal use, which operate under the control and vigilance of the competent sanitary authority of their country of origin, and which have been or are subsequently registered, are allowed to make a "global" registration of the list or catalogue of the products which they may have presented or may at the time of their application present, for registration in a register of factories and laboratories kept at the Inspection General of Pharmacy. Products of foreign firms that have not had their status of manufacture authorised by their respective Governments are liable to con trol and to payment of fees for analysis as laid down in an earlier decree. Should i be proved that products sent to Peru by foreign companies do not correspond to the quality declared on the invoice, the Inspec tion General of Pharmacy will cancel the registration of the exporting firm and prohibit entry of its products into Peru The "global" registration must be renewed every five years.

Keeping up the Pressure.—Consumption of waste paper is maintained at a high level. There must be no falling off in supply.

TRADE REPORT

pot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent ne prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include parine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergency

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, October 11

RADE, in the London drug and chemical tarkets during the past week has been uiet, but the prices of most commodities re firm. PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS ontinue to sell in fair quantities at prices archanged from those previously given.

rude Drugs

Reports from the CRUDE DRUGS section the markets agree that little has occurred alter the supply and price positions uring the week. Business has continued the restricted scale that has lately paracterised these markets, the limiting ctor being lack of supplies to fill the asonal orders usually expected at this me of year. A recent offer of Cape Aloes as taken up immediately, and no further opplies are available at present. Areca ors is quoted lower. Balsams are steady id unchanged in price. A higher figure is gain mentioned for BENZOIN. Demand for ARDAMOMS has been negligible. Firm inditions obtain for Zanzibar CLOVES. HILLIES is dull, with no changes in quotaons. Good-quality Ergor is not plentiful, id would not be available under the price loted. Some low-testing Indian HENBANE ay be obtained on spot at an exceedingly w figure. JABORANDI remains in meagre ipply at the previous firm price. RHUBARB selling fairly well at the last-mentioned SARSAPARILLA is unobtainable. As oted last week, TURMERIC is dearer. Some langes are noted in CARNAUBA WAX.

ssential Oils

A new and revised list of essential oils apported by the Ministry of Food for distibution under the 1944 programme has sen issued, and the prices to users, in iginal packages, are given on p. 415. The inistry of Food has announced that the only change in the existing prices of fined oils and imported edible animal fats located to primary wholesalers and large ade users during the eight weeks' period ctober 15 to December 9 is imported umal fats, South American premier, ineased £11 per ton to £73 15s. per ton, 15., duty paid, in hardwood barrels or erces.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ACETANILIDE. — Crystals are quoted by makers at 2s. 5d. per lb., and powder at 2s. 6d.

ALLOBARBITONE.—Price is steady and un-

changed at 6os. per lb.

ATROPINE.—Makers' quotations are steady at the following rates per oz.: Alkaloid, B.P.—I oz., 35s.; 4 oz., 34s. 6d.; 25 oz., 34s. Sulphate, B.P.—I oz., 28s.; 4 oz., 27s. 6d.; 25 oz., 27s. Methyl Bromide and Methyl Nitrate, I.oz., 65s.

Barium sulphate, B.P. (x-ray).—Quoted at the following rates per lb., in quantities of 28 lb.—1 cwt. (containers in brackets): 1s. $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. (1-lb.); 1s. 4d. (4-lb.); 1s. 3d. (7-lb.); 1s. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. (14-lb.); 1s. 2d. (28-lb.).

Benzoic Acid.—Quoted at 3s. to 3s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

Benzyl Benzoate.—Available for approved purposes at 4s. 6d. to 5s. per lb., according to quantity.

Borax. — Makers' current rates are unchanged: B.P. quality, granulated, £42 per ton; crystal, £43; powder, £43 ros. Packed in one-cwt. bags, delivered carriage paid in Great Britain in one-ton lots and upwards. Commercial grades, £8 per ton less.

BRUCINE.—Current rates per oz. are as follows: Alkaloid.—Under 25 oz., is. 4½d.; 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 4d.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., is. 3½d. Nitrate and Sulphate.—Under 25 oz., is. 3½d.; 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 3½d.; 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 3½d.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., is. 2½d.

CAFFEINE.—Quantities of 7 lb.-28 lb. are quoted per lb. as follows (supplies subject to D.M.S. approval): Alkaloid, B.P., 34s.; CIT-RATE, 23s.; SODIUM BENZOATE, 23s.; SODIUM SALICYLATE, 23s. 9d. Tins extra when supplied.

CALAMINE, B.P.C.—Current prices are as follows: 7-lb. lots, is. 8d. per lb.; 28-lb. lots, is. 6d.

CITRATES.—Makers quote Potassium per lb., in Ja-lb.—I cwt. lots, as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. 3½d. (I-lb.); 3s. 2d. (4-lb.); 3s. Id. (7-lb.); 3s. o½d. (I4-lb.); 3s. (28-lb.). IRON AND AMMONIUM (SCALES), B.P., is at 3d. per lb. above, and Sodium is at Id. per lb. below these prices; Potassium and Sodium powder, Id. per lb. extra.

CODEINE.—Makers' prices per oz. are as follows: Alkaloid.—½ oz., 48s. 3d.; 1 oz., 45s. 9d.; 2 oz., 44s. 3d.; 3 oz., 43s. 6d.; 4 oz., 43s. 3d. Hydrochloride.—½ oz., 42s.; 1 oz., 39s. 6d.; 2 oz., 38s.; 3 oz., 37s. 3d.; 4 oz., 37s. Phosphate.—½ oz., 37s. 9d.; 1 oz., 35s. 3d.; 2 oz., 33s. 9d.; 3 oz., 33s.; 4 oz., 32s. 9d.

CREAM OF TARTAR—Controlled prices for the smaller quantities are as follows: Less than

7 lb., 2s. 1od. per lb.; 7 lb.–14 lb., 2s. $9\frac{1}{2}d.$; 14 lb.–28 lb., 2s. 9d. For the full schedule, see C. & D., May 20, p. 555.

DIAMORPHINE.—Current rates per oz. for small quantities are as follows: Alkaloid.— ½ oz., 54s.; 1 oz., 51s. 6d.; 2 oz., 50s.; 3 oz., 49s. 3d.; 4 oz., 49s. Hydrochloride.—½ oz., 49s.; 1 oz., 46s. 6d.; 2 oz., 45s.; 3 oz., 44s. 3d.; 4 oz., 44s.

ETHYLMORPHINE.—Quotations per oz., in small quantities, remain as follows: Alkaloid.—
½ oz., 51s.; 1 oz., 48s. 6d.; 2 oz., 47s.; 3 oz., 46s. 3d.; 4 oz., 46s. Hydrochloride.—½ oz., 44s.; 1 oz., 40s. 6d.; 2 oz., 39s.; 3 oz., 38s. 3d.; 4 oz., 38s.

Iodine preparations.—Prices per lb. for the home market are as follows: Potassium iodide, B.P.—I12 lb., 9s.; 28 lb., 9s. 6d.; 14 lb., 10s.; 7 lb., 11s. 6d.; 4 lb., 12s.; smaller quantities, 12s. 6d. Sodium iodide, B.P.—28 lb., 9s. 11d.; 14 lb., 10s. 5d.; 7 lb., 12s. 2d.; 4 lb., 12s. 10d.; smaller quantities, 13s. 8d. Iodoform, B.P.—28 lb., 12s. 10d.; 14 lb., 13s. 4d.; 7 lb., 15s. 6d.; 4 lb., 16s. 4d.; smaller quantities, 17s. 2d. Iodoform crystals.—2s. per lb. above powder prices. Iodine resublimed, B.P.—112 lb., 10s. 4d.; 28 lb., 10s. 10d.; 14 lb., 11s. 4d.; 7 lb., 13s. 1d.; 4 lb., 13s. 9d.; smaller quantities, 15s. 5d.; smaller quantities, 15s. 5d.

Lactates.—Prices are unchanged as follows: Lactic acid.—Six-winchester lots, 2s. 1od. per lb.; smaller quantities, 2s. 1id. Calcium lactate.—Small quantities, 2s. 3d. per lb. Calcium sodium lactate.—Powder, small lots, 3s. 5d. per lb.; 14-lb., 3s. 2d.; 28-lb., 3s., granular, one penny per lb. extra.

MAGNESIUM CARBONATE, LIGHT.—Makers' home market prices per lb., in quantities of 28 lb.—I cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): Is. 3½d. (I-lb.); Is. 2d. (4-lb.); Is. 1d. (7-lb.); Is. 0½d. (I4-lb.); Is. (28-lb.). Prices net one month.

Magnesium trisilicate, B.P.—Home market prices per lb., for quantities of 28 lb.—1 cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. 9d. (1-lb.); 3s. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. (4-lb.); 3s. $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. (7-lb.); 3s. $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. (28-lb.). Prices net one month.

Phenolphthalein.—No change in makers' prices, as follows: Less than 7 lb., 4s. 6d. per lb.; 7 lb., 4s. 5d.; 14 lb., 4s. 4d.; 28 lb., 4s. 3d.; 1 cwt., 4s. 2d.

PILOCARPINE.—Makers quote at the following rates per oz.: Base, I oz., 27s.; 4 oz., 21s. 3d.; 8 oz., 20s. 9d.; 25 oz., 20s. 3d. Nitrate, I oz., 18s. 6d.; 4 oz., 18s.; 25 oz., 17s. 6d.

Santonin.—Home trade prices are as follows: 10 kilos and over, £62; not less than 5 kilos, £63; 2-4 kilos, £64; 1 kilo, £65; 500 gm., £66; 250 gm., £66; 100 gm., £68; less than 100 gm., £69 per kilo. Carriage paid in United Kingdom.

TERPINEOL.—Pure medicinal quality is available at from 3s. 3d. to 4s. per lb. for antiseptics of the chloroxylenol type.

Vanillin.—The agreed prices are unchanged as follows: 5 cwt., 21s. per lb.; 1 cwt., 21s. 3d.; 56 lb., 21s. 6d.; less than 56 lb., 21s. 9d. per lb.

Crude Drugs

Agar.—Price is fixed at 30s. per lb. under the Control of Agar (No. 1) Order.

Aloes.—A recent offer from South Africa was taken up immediately.

Areca nuts.—Wormy material is quoted or spot at the lower price of 95s. per cwt., ex store

Balsams.—Spot quotations for *Peru* are steady at 7s. 9d. per lb., and those for *Canada* at 9s. 9d. to 10s.; *Tolu* and *Copaiba* are un obtainable.

Belladonna.—Indian leaf is quoted on spo at 5s. 3d. per lb., and Indian root, testing orgo per cent. alkaloids, at 330s. per cwt.

Benzoin.—Sumatra, £50 per cwt. paid, with nothing further available at that price.

Cardamoms.—Aleppy greens, steady on spo at 5s. 6d. per lb.; Aleppy seed, 6s. 6d.; spli seed, 5s. 6d.

Chaulmoogra.—Hydnocarpus, spot, is. 60 per lb., in tins in cases.

Chillies.—Mombasa, quoted on spot 110s. per cwt.; no other varieties are offered.

CLOVES.—Zanzibar, firm on spot at is. 4½ per lb.; no other varieties are available a present.

Cocoa butter.—Price is controlled at is. 54 per lb., ex factory or warehouse, except for sales made under Ministry of Food licence.

COCONUT (DESICCATED).—Ministry of For Order controls the price at 49s. per cwt.

COLOCYNTH.—Fair white pulp is quoted spot at 2s. 10½d. to 3s. per lb.

DIGITALIS LEAVES.—No changes in eith English or Portuguese leaves. Quotations f the former are at 2s. 6d.`per lb., and for t latter at 140s. per cwt.

Dragon's blood.—Dull Zanzibar drop, f per cwt., nominal.

Ergor.—Good-quality material would pr bably not be available on spot at under 6s. 6 per lb.

Gum Acacia.—Kordofan cleaned sorts, fu on spot at 80s. per cwt.; bleached, spot, 18 Talha, cleaned, 50s. per cwt., landed.

Jaborandi.—Spot price is firm at 52s. (per cwt., but stocks are meagre.

Kamala.—Material with 6 per cent. ash m still be had at 2s. 6d. per lb.

LIQUORICE ROOT.—Russian root is availal for pharmaceutical use at 85s. per cwt.; sing peeled Syrian, in small supply, at 110s. per cw subject to D.M.S. approval.

MENTHOL.—No further licences are appently being issued for supplies from Brazil.

Mercury.—Official quotations range free free fast in the fast of fast fast, according conditions and quality, with higher prices smaller lots and re-distilled grades.

MYRRH.—Spot price of fair-quality Ac sorts is firm at £20 per cwt.

Nutmegs.—West Indian, wormy and broken, spot, is. 5d. per lb.; sound unassorted, is. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Nux vomica.—Cochin, spot, steady at 42s. 6d. per cwt.; shipment, 35s., c.i.f.; Cocanada seed, shipment, 32s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

Orange peel.—Spot supplies are exhausted.

Pepper.—Maximum prices of whole pepper, not picked over or cleaned, on sale to processors, rs. 4d. per lb. for white and rs. per lb. for black, oth duty paid.

PIMENTO.—Spot sellers at is. 4d. per lb.; hipment prices are not quoted.

Quassia.—Steady on spot at 37s. 6d. to 40s. per cwt., according to quantity.

Quillaia Bark.—Crushed or cut, spot, 95s. per cwt.; natural, 75s.; shipment, 65s., c.i.f.

RHUBARB.—Demand continues good, with prices unchanged at 12s. per lb.

SARSAPARILLA.—There are no spot supplies it present.

SEEDS.—Prices are maintained at last-quoted evels, with business exceedingly quiet. Cori-NDER.—Indian, 75s. per cwt. Cumin.— laltese, spot, 105s.; Indian, 10os. DILL.— 05s., ex wharf. Fennel.—Offered at 85s. ENUGREEK.—May be had at 80s. MUSTARD. controlled prices are unchanged.

Senna.—Alexandrian medium pods are at s. per lb.; Tinnevelly, manufacturing grade, d. to 6½d.; hand-picked, 8½d. to 1s.; broken lexandrian leaves, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; siftings, s. 2d.; Tinnevelly, No. 1, 9d. to 10½d.; No. 2, d. to 1d. No. 2, 1d. to 6d. d. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.; No. 3, $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 6d.

SQUILL.—Portuguese bulb may be obtained n spot at 75s. per cwt., and Indian at 6os.

STRAMONIUM LEAVES.—East Indian leaves re quoted on spot at 80s. to 85s. per cwt.

STROPHANTHUS SEED .- Spot quotations for oo per cent. Kombé seed is steady at 7s. to s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

Tragacanth.—Medium grades are quoted as allows: No. 1, white, £130 per cwt.; No. 2, hite, £115; No. 3, white, £100; No. 4, white, \$5; pale leaf, £60; amber leaf, £50; dark mber, £40; brown leaf, £30; red-and-brown af, £25; red leaf, from £20; hoggy, £12 to £15. Turmeric.—As noted last week (p. 389) spot dearer at 60s. per cwt. for sound-quality ladras finger.

VALERIAN ROOT.—Spot offers of Indian root re at 100s. per cwt.

Waxes.—Bees'.—Supplies may be obtained nly through members of the Association of lerchant Distributors of Beeswax. Carnauba. -Fatty grey, 455s. to 475s. per cwt., ex store, minimum one-bag lots; shipment, 400s., i.f.; Primeira, 530s. to 550s. per cwt., ex store; ipment, 46os., c.i.f.; medium yellow, nomial; shipment, 45os., c.i.f.; chalky grey, ominal; shipment, 38os., c.i.f. (c.i.f. prices lelude ½ per cent. W.R.I.). CANDELILLA. nder I ton, 220s. per cwt.; 1-5 tons, 217s. 6d.; tons and over, 215s., ex store. Ouricuri. pot, 300s. to 330s. per cwt., as to quality; nipment, 285s., c.i.f.

Essential and Expressed Oils

Anise (star).—There is no change to report in the price and supply positions.

CASTOR.—"Firsts" is officially quoted at £92 per ton, and "seconds" at £90, both naked ex works, in bulk quantities.

CLOVE.—English-distilled oil is firm at 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., according to quantity.

Coconut.—Bulk quantities of refined deodorised are officially priced at £49 per ton, and refined hardened deodorised at £53:

LINSEED.—Crude is officially quoted in bulk at £62 per ton, naked ex works.

NUTMEG.—English distillers quote at 35s. per lb., with lower rates for quantities.

RAPESEED.—Officially quoted at £85 per ton, naked ex works.

Essential Oils Control

THE following is a schedule of prices to users in original packages for oils imported by the Ministry of Food for distribution under the 1944 programme:-

Basil .. 25s. 8d., plus duty, 2s. 3d. Bergamot .. 23s. 10½d. .. 25. Camphor Caraway .. 20s. 9½d., plus duty,

is. iod. 3s. $8\frac{1}{4}$ d., plus duty, Cedarwood 3¾d.

129s. 1½d., plus duty, 11s. 6d. Clary sage 128s. 10d., plus duty, Coriander

11s. 6d. 11s. 6d., plus duty, 1s. Fennel

cold-pressed, Lemon, or Sicilian . .. 17s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. Lemon, distilled .. 11s. 9d. . . 47s.

Nutmeg .. 22s. 8d., plus duty, 2s. Orange, bitter .. 18s. 6½d., plus duty, 1s. $7\frac{1}{2}d$.

Peppermint 37S. Tangerine .. 33S.

Vetivert 38s. 4d., plus duty, 3s. 5d.

Wormseed

.. 15s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. .. 15s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$., plus duty, Ylang-ylang ... 1s. 4d.

Purchase tax applies to wormseed oil only and the amount of such tax will form an addition to the price to the user. The price on the sale to a user will be increased in the case of all oils shown above by the authorised charges for breaking bulk where incurred at the rates laid down in Circular No. 9. Prices for pineneedle oil as originally published are no longer operative.

Circular No. 13, dated October 7, 1944, issued by Whinney, Smith & Whinney, 4B Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London, E.C.3, deals with reallocation of rejected stock, licences granted on f.o.b. basis, clause 21 of the scheme for the importation and distribution of essential oils, labels, and breaking bulk

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William Forster Testimonial

SIR,—May I thank all those who have supported the testimonial to Mr. William Forster, and who have thus shown their appreciation of a lifetime devoted to pharmacy. It is proposed to close the fund on October 31, and any further contributions, which should be forwarded to me, will be gratefully acknowledged.

Yours faithfully, WM. Low.

Blackhill, co. Durham.

Pharmacists and the Association of Scientific Workers

SIR,—Your correspondents, Messrs. J. Carey and A. M. Jack (C. & D., September 30, p. 364) have raised certain points of interest concerning the above Association, to which I should like to reply. The Association is well aware of the special problems which confront public pharmacists, as distinct from those arising in other branches of the profession. These problems have much in common with those of scientific workers in other fields of medical science, and it is our belief that public pharmacists would derive much benefit from the interchange of experience and ideas with such workers rendered possible by membership of the A.Sc.W. Association, moreover, is concerned with raising the status of the pharmacist irrespective of his field of work, and in our opinion it is the absence of an all-embracing organisation in the past which has largely contributed to the failure to deal adequately with the problems of pharmaceutical employees. The status of the public pharmacist depends upon the recognition his profession receives in society and is related, therefore, to the status of his retail colleague. For this reason, the Association hopes to speak for pharmaceutical employees as a whole, whilst at the same time providing the necessary democratic machinery for ventilation of those special problems which are peculiar to public pharmacists. The second point raised by your correspondents concerns the qualification necessary for membership of the A.Sc.W. The Association is concerned only with the organisation of qualified pharmacists, to whom full membership is accorded. Whilst it has been necessary in other branches of science for the Association to grant associate membership to unqualified workers who are employed under the direction of a person eligible for full membership, this has not been considered necessary in the case of unqualified assistants in pharmacy, for whom appropriate trade unions already exist. Finally, I hasten to agree with the assertion that the Guild of Public Pharmacists has done much in the past to advance the interests of its members.

Yours faithfully,
REINET FREMLIN,
London, W.C.I. General secretary.

A Warning

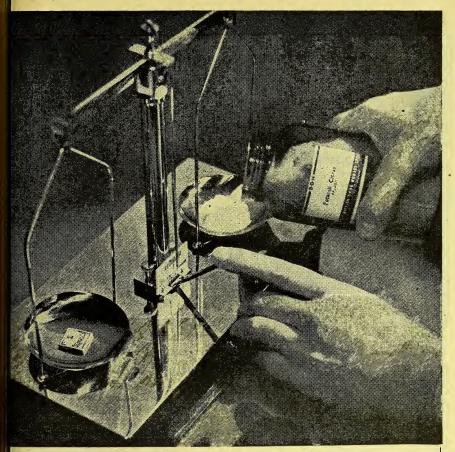
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Eire Council Election

SIR,—We beg to avail ourselves of you space to express, briefly, our thanks to the members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland who voted for us in the recer council election. We hope to fulfil or duties on the Council in a manner worth of the confidence placed in us.

Yours faithfully, F. X. Meagher. Peter J. Fullam. P. F. McGrath. Gerald C. O'Neill.



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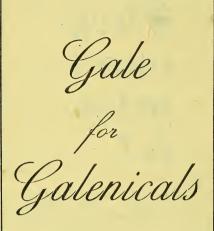
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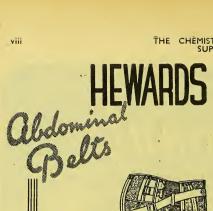
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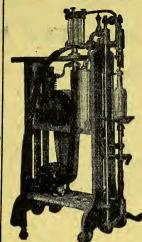


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